A Proclamation set furth by the Kynges Maiestie, with thassent of his derest vncle Edward Duke of Somerset Gouernour of his moste royall person and of this realme Dominions and auctorite Protectour and others of his highnes moste honorable counsail concerning Testons.

WHere as the Kynges Maiestie by thaduise of his moste derc vncle the lorde Protectour & the rest of his highnes counsail for diuers great and vrgent consideracions hath commaunded that all maner of persones should bring al coyne commonly called Testons coyned with the face & stamp of his highnes most derc father the late kyng Henry the eight, before the feast of Christ was last past into the Tower of London or other his Maiesties Mynts, to the intent the same might be exchaunged into Shillynges, Grotes or other kynde of money: It hath so chaunced that by reason aswell of the multitude of that coyne heretofore made in the tyme of the said late kyng his Maiesties father, as also by the great quantite and fasion of the same coyne, counterfaited and brought into this realme, being current here, all the said Testons hath not be chaunged. And therupon his highnes by thaduise afore said was pleased that the said Proclamacion should be enlarged vnto a longer day, and to hath permitted and suffred the said coyne of Testons to be current amonges his subiectes vntill the first of May last past, vpon trust that in that space vpon the deliberacions in the said Proclamacion expressed every man for his part helping that waies, all maner of the said Testons of the stamp of the said late kyng of famous memory should haue been brought into the Mynts and exchaunged. In the whiche space yet many a one his highnes clemencie hath kept their Testons stil in their hands, or otherwise bestowed them, a fewer sommes that hytherto now of late haue been brought into his highnes Mynts. The whiche Testons if they should now remayne only mere bullion, should be great losse and hynderaunce to his Maiesties subiectes: And if the same day or Proclamacion should in any wise be relaced, it should be greatest losse & hynderaunce to the realme, and a perfect occasion of contynual bringyng in more counterfait Testons: Therfore the kynges Maiestie by thaduise of the lorde Protector and the rest of his highnes counsail, straightly chargeth and commaundeth the said Proclamacion of disanullyng & keping doune of the said Testons to be kept emonges al his louyng subiectes so that the same be neuer hereafter taken for current or lawful money, but may lawfully be refused of any maner of person. And yet neuertheles of his moste princely clemencie & liberalitie his highnes by thaduise afore said is content that all suche summes of money as shalbe due to his Maiestie, aswell for the Relief graunted in the last sessions of the Parliament, as for all other rentes and debtes may be payed in good & lawful Testons of the stamp and coyne of his Maiesties father at any tyme before the first of June next folowyng, and so receiued of his highnes Threasurers vntill the said first of June next folowyng onely, after the rate and value of xii.d. euery Teston. After whiche tyme his highnes pleasure is that in no wise the said Testons be any more receiued of any his highnes officers of receipt, of or for that price. Nauertheles for the space and tyme of two monethes after, that is to say, vnto the ende and last day of July next folowyng his highnes is content that all good & lawful Testons at his Maiesties Mynes, shalbe receiued for bullion after the rate of xi.d. the piece of any person who shall bring them thether. And further that it shalbe lefull to any man to buy any good and lawful Testons of the said coyne and stamp of the late kyng, and made in any of the Mynes within this realme of England, to that intent to bring them to the Mynes of any person not disposed to bring them himselfe: So that he do buye them for no lesse price then after xi.d. ob. the piece and not vnder, vpon paine that whosoeuer for his owne profytes and lucre, shall buye any suche Testons for lesse value then after xi.d. ob. the piece, to the bondage of the parte men, who would sell the same, shal forfaite therfore the Testons so bought and ten tymes the value of them, whereof one moyte to the kynges Maiestie, the other to the denouncer of the said forfaite, by bill, accion of debte or information in any of the kynges Maiesties courtes of Recorde where no essoyne, protection nor wager of lawe shall serue or be allowed. And his highnes further is content that all his officers and ministers may receiue all suche good and lawful Testons, and so repay them againe vnto his highnes after the said price of xi.d. ob. the piece, during only the said monethes of June and July. In the whiche tyme for that price of xi.d. ob. the piece, they shall refuse no lawfull & good Testons of any his highnes subiectes. After the whiche last day of the moneth of July next folowyng his highnes expresse will and pleasure by the aduise afore said is, that the coyne called Testons of his highnes father kyng Henry the eights stamp, shall neither be receiued of his highnes officers, ne of none others, nor yet at the Mynes of exchaunge, as coyne or money of any valuacion but after suche sorte as plate or any other straunge bullyon is, or then shalbe, rated to say, according to the rate and value of the standard, and the quantitie of fine siluer in them contayned, and none otherwise. Geuen at Grenewiche the xvii. day of May, in the

God saue the kyng.